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SUBJECT: DILLINGHAM CLAIM

REF: (A) STATE 111284, (B) STATE 097543

1. ON MAY 18, DILLINGHAM ATTORNEYS MICHAEL BRADFIELD (WASHINGTON), DAVID JAMES (HONOLULU), AND RUSSELL BANTON (SYDNEY) MET WITH GOA SOLICITOR GENERAL BYERS, CROWN SOLICITOR NEAVES, R.J. SMITH, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, LEGAL AND TREATIES DIVISION, DFA, AND JOHN WHITE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, TRADE AND RESOURCES. THIS INSTANCE WAS FIRST DFA PARTICIPATION IN GOA-DILLINGHAM TALKS.

2. AFTER MEETING WITH GOA OFFICIALS, BRADFIELD AND JAMES BRIEFED AMBASSADOR ALSTON AND EMBOFFS ON THE RESULTS. BRADFIELD AND JAMES SAID THAT FRANK AND SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WERE HELD IN WHICH LEGAL POINTS RELEVANT TO THE CLAIM WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED. GOA SHOWED INTEREST IN PROPOSALS SET FORTH IN AIDE MEMOIRE (REF B). GOA SUGGESTS POSSIBLE USE OF MEDIATOR IN DISPUTE AND DISCUSSED PROPOSAL THAT WOULD GIVE GOA HIGH COURT JURISDICTION IN CASE. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ANY CHANGE IN GOA ATTITUDE TOWARD DILLINGHAM CLAIM. SOLICITOR GENERAL DID INDICATE THAT A GOA DECISION ON THE ISSUE WAS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER PURSUIT OF THE CLAIM BY DILLINGHAM.

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3. COMMENT: IT DOES APPEAR THAT GOA IS MARSHALLING ITS FORCES TO RESPOND TO AIDE MEMOIRE, BUT WITH NO APPARENT SENSE OF URGENCY. THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR UNDUE OPTIMISM THAT DILLINGHAM STANDS TO FARE BETTER THAN IN THE PAST, BUT AT LEAST TALKS TODAY WERE CONDUCTED IN A CORDIAL AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER, WHICH HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST.

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